

material accounting is strictly enforced at all Department of Atomic Energy nuclear facilities, thus theft of plutonium from the Indian nuclear facilities is completely ruled out.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Drought affected areas in States

*400. SHRI ANANTA SETHI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the areas affected by drought in some States;

(b) if so, the details of the drought affected areas. State-wise;

(c) the Central assistance extended to the drought affected States to combat the drought problem; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the basis of available information, details indicating the number of districts affected by drought in various States are given in the enclosed Statement-I (*see below*).

(c) and (d) Details indicating the assistance provided to the drought affected States during 1999-2000 under National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) are enclosed as statement, (*see below*). This is in addition to the normal allocation of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF).

STATEMENT-I

State-wise details of number of districts affected by drought during, 1999-2000

S.No.	State	Number of Districts affected
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	22
2.	Gujarat	17
3.	Himachal Pradesh	12
4.	Jammu & Kashmir	06
5.	Karnataka	18
6.	Madhya Pradesh	04

1	2	3
7.	Manipur	05
8.	Mizoram	03
9.	Rajasthan	26
10.	Tripura	04
11.	West Bengal	10

STATEMENT-II*State-wise details of Assistance provided from NFCR*

(Rs. in Crore)

S.No.	State	Assistance provided from NFCR
1.	Andhra Pradesh	75.36
2.	Gujarat	54.58
3.	Himachal Pradesh	; -**
4.	Jammu & Kashmir	73.42
5.	Karnataka	17.09*
6.	Madhya Pradesh	38.86*
7.	Manipur	4.93
8.	Mizoram	6.00
9.	Rajasthan	102.93
10.	Tripura	5.34

* Includes assistance provided for floods also. ** The calamity was *prima-facie* not considered to be of rare severity to qualify for assistance from the NFCR and the State would have dealt with it out of the CRF allocation.

Written Answers to Unstarred Questions**Market Intervention Scheme**

2909. SHRI KHAGEN DAS : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for perishable horticultural items;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;